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COMPUTER APPLICATIONS: LARGE CITIES: URBAN TRANSPORT  
(01.010303) AND URBAN GOODS (01.010304)

1. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. SUMMARY. PROFESSOR SAVAS, USDEL  
LEADER, REPORTED TO SCIENCE OFFICE JANUARY 15 THAT USDEL ON THE WHOLE  
CONSIDERED SUBJECT VISIT JAN 2-17 TO BE SATISFACTORY. SOVIETS WERE  
NOT  
ONLY FORTHCOMING IN TREATMENT OF USDEL BUT ALSO PROVIDED SUBSTANTIVE  
MATERIALS OF INTEREST AND USE TO U.S. SIDE. BOTH SIDES REACHED  
TENTATIVE AGREEMENT ON THREE EXTENDED U.S. RESEARCH VISITS. SAVAS  
INDICATED THAT PROBLEMS AROSE IN CONTINUING FAILURE OF SOVIET SIDE  
TO  
PROVIDE LONG PROMISED REPORT ON LENINGRAD PROJECT, LACK OF CLEAR  
SOVIET  
PROPOSALS FOR EXTENDED RESEARCH VISITS TO U.S., AND GENERAL FAILURE  
OF  
SOVIET SIDE, AND IN PARTICULAR OF SOVIET COORDINATOR TKACHENKO, TO  
RESPOND TO U.S. COMMUNICATIONS. SAVAS STATED A DESIRE TO SEEK A  
REPLACEMENT FOR HIS SOVIET COUNTERPART IN ORDER TO IMPROVE  
FUNCTIONING OF COOPERATIVE PROJECT WORK. END SUMMARY. END LIMITED  
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2. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. A SEVEN-MAN USDEL, LED BY PROFESSOR E.S.  
SAVAS OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, VISITED THE USSR JANUARY 2-17 UNDER  
THE FRAMEWORK OF THE S&T AGREEMENT. PROFESSOR SAVAS' GROUP WAS  
CONCERNED WITH THE APPLICATION OF COMPUTERS TO THE MANAGEMENT OF  
LARGE CITIES AND IN PARTICULAR URBAN PUBLIC TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT

SYSTEMS AND URBAN FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS. IN THIS CAPACITY THE USDEL VISITED MOSCOW, KIEV, TALLIN, AND RIGA. IN THE COURSE OF THEIR VISIT, USDEL DISCUSSED THE STATUS OF THE URBAN PUBLIC AND FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION SUBPROJECTS WITH SOVIET EXPERTS, HEARD AND PRESENTED A NUMBER OF REPORTS, VISITED OPERATING PASSENGER AND FREIGHT

T ORGANIZATIONS, AND REACHED TENTATIVE AGREEMENT ON A PROGRAM OF CONTINUED COOPERATION. WITH RESPECT TO THE LATTER, BOTH SIDES AGREED TO COOPERATE ON THE FOLLOWING DURING 1977: (1) THE EXCHANGE OF EQUIVALENT MATERIALS; (2) THE PREPARATION OF JOINT PUBLICATIONS; (3) THE EXPANSION OF THE PUBLICATION OF PAPERS IN EACH OTHER'S JOURNALS, (4) THE CONTINUATION OF JOINT MEETINGS OF TRANSPORTATION EXPERTS, AND (5) THE EXCHANGE OF LONG-TERM VISITS OF RESEARCH TEAMS. THE U.S. SIDE PROPOSED RESEARCH VISITS TO (1) STUDY THE PROBLEM OF IMPROVING PERFORMANCE, PRODUCTIVITY, AND EFFICIENCY OF URBAN PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS IN MOSCOW AND TALIN, (2) EXAMINE THE COORDINATION OF MODES OF PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION IN RIGA, AND (3) STUDY THE USE OF COMPUTERS IN IMPROVING THE DISTRIBUTION OF SMALL SHIPMENTS IN AN URBAN AREA. THE SOVIET SIDE GAVE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT TO THE ABOVE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF (2) (SEE PARA 3 BELOW). THE SOVIET SIDE, HOWEVER, DID NOT PRODUCE MATCHING PROPOSALS FOR RESEARCH IN THE U.S. END UNCLASSIFIED

3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. THE OVERVIEW. SAVAS WAS IN GENERAL QUITE SATISFIED WITH THE VISIT AND INDICATED THAT IT HAD BEEN USEFUL TO THE USDEL. THE USDEL LEFT WITH THE RECOGNITION THAT THE U.S. STANDS TO GAIN FROM ONGOING SOVIET RESEARCH IN THE AREAS OF COMPUTER APPLICATION TO URBAN PUBLIC AND FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION, AREAS WHICH HAVE BEEN SOMEWHAT NEGLECTED IN THE U.S. SAVAS POINTED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OUT TOO HIS SATISFACTION WITH SOVIET CONDUCT OF USDEL VISIT: SOVIETS IN PARTICULAR WERE ESPECIALLY FORTHCOMING IN MAKING LAST MINUTE SCHEDULING CHANGES TO SUIT THE USDEL. USDEL DID NOT, HOWEVER, SUCCEED IN ELIMINATING SOME OLD PROBLEMS AND AT LEAST ONE NEW EMERGED. WITH REGARD TO THE LATTER, SAVAS REPORTED THAT THE SOVIET SIDE BALKED AT GIVING APPROVAL TO PROPOSED U.S. RESEARCH PROJECT IN RIGA. SOVIETS, ACCORDING TO SAVAS, ARGUED THAT U.S. TEAM COULD NOT WORK THERE BECAUSE RIGA HAD NOT BEEN DESIGNATED AS A POTENTIAL WORK SITE UNDER THE PROTOCOL SIGNED BY BOTH SIDES DECEMBER 14, 1974. FYI. SAVAS BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THAT THE REAL REASON FOR SOVIET HESITATION LIES IN THE PERSON OF DR. SIGURD GRAVA, THE U.S. PROJECT DIRECTOR. GRAVA WAS BORN IN RIGA AND SPEAKS FLUENT LATVIAN, THOUGH HE IS NOW AN AMERICAN CITIZEN. FURTHERMORE, GRAVA HAS A BROTHER IN THE U.S. WHO IS REPORTEDLY ACTIVE IN AN ANTI-SOVIET LATVIAN EMIGRE MOVEMENT THOUGH SAVAS STATED THAT DR. GRAVA HAS NO CONNECTION WITH ANY OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS. END FYI.

4. RESEARCH PROBLEMS. IN ADDITION, THE SOVIETS DID NOT

PRODUCE MATCHUPS FOR THE PROPOSED U.S. EXTENDED RESEARCH VISITS TO MOSCOW, RIGA, AND TALLINN. THIS COULD CREATE PROBLEMS IN CARRYING OUT THE PROPOSED U.S. VISITS IF THE SOVIET SIDE DOES NOT FORWARD IN THE REASONABLY NEAR FUTURE A SET OF THEIR OWN RESEARCH PROPOSALS.

5. THE LENINGRAD AND TKACHENKO PROBLEMS. TWO PROBLEMS OF LONGER STANDING WERE NOT RESOLVED. THE SOVIET SIDE AGAIN FAILED TO PRODUCE LONG-AWAITED MATERIAL ON THE LENINGRAD MUNICIPAL TRANSPORT SYSTEM AND MADE NO PROMISES ABOUT WHEN IT WOULD BE FORWARDED. THIS MATERIAL, WHICH THE U.S. SIDE HAS BEEN EXPECTING FOR 18 MONTHS, WILL COMPLETE THE DRAFT OF A JOINT BOOK DESCRIBING CITY MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONS IN THE U.S. AND THE USSR. THE U.S. SIDE IS PARTICULARLY ANNOYED AT THE CONTINUED DELAY ON THIS MATTER. SAVAS IS ALSO VERY DISSATISFIED WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS SOVIET COUNTERPART, DR. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PETER M. TKACHENKO, DIRECTOR OF THE MAIN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND COMPUTER CENTER OF THE MOSCOW CITY COUNCIL, PARTICULARLY BY HIS REPORTED FAILURE TO ANSWER COMMUNICATIONS.

FYI. SAVAS INFORMED US THAT EVEN OTHER SOVIETS WORKING ON SUBJECT PROJECTS EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION WITH TKACHENKO'S WORK. END FYI. UNLESS DEPARTMENT HAS OBJECTIONS, SCICOUNS PLANS TO DISCUSS THE TKACHENKO PROBLEM WITH AYKAZYAN OF SCST IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND TO RAISE THE POSSIBILITY OF SOVIET CONSIDERATION OF TKACHENKO'S EARLY REPLACEMENT. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.  
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